

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rob Lyons, City Manager of Murfreesboro, upon winning two prestigious awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Rob Lyons, City Manager of Murfreesboro, is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and character; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons was recently named the 2009 Leadership Rutherford Pinnacle Award winner and the *Daily News Journal's* 2009 Person of the Year in recognition of his extraordinary efforts during the Good Friday tornado that ripped through Rutherford County in April of 2009; and

WHEREAS, during the catastrophic events that unfolded on Good Friday of 2009, and with then City Manager Roger Haley out of town, Rob Lyons, in his role as assistant city manager, valiantly took control of the situation, expertly managing all city departments and ensuring a smooth response from all disaster relief teams in the wake of the tornado's path of destruction; and

WHEREAS, praised for his gallant efforts during the tornado by both city officials and residents of Murfreesboro, Mr. Lyons was wholeheartedly chosen to replace Roger Hailey upon his retirement as City Manager in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in his role as City Manager of Murfreesboro, Mr. Lyons exhibits an aptitude for leadership, a gift for working with others, and a sincere willingness to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest probity in all his endeavors, Mr. Lyons embodies the best of his community while serving with the utmost professionalism and integrity, and he has earned the respect of his peers, colleagues, and the citizens of Murfreesboro for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Susan, and his children, Matt, Sean, and Lilly Grace; and

WHEREAS, Rob Lyons truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Rob Lyons, City Manager of Murfreesboro, upon being selected as the 2009 Leadership Rutherford Pinnacle Award winner and the *Daily News Journal's* 2009 Person of the Year, applaud his meritorious service to the citizens of Murfreesboro, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.